

For 75 years, this organization has dedicated itself to the betterment of Pinellas County's future, which lies in the hands of our community's children.

The Juvenile Welfare Board works with our county's children from an early age to ensure that both they, and their parents, caregivers, and family members receive a solid foundation on which to build their education. The Board's School Readiness program prepares children for their critical kindergarten education, which is crucial for their future success in the classroom. The JWB supports our county's youth throughout their education, with the programs they fund driving them to meet not only important developmental milestones but promoting behaviors and attitudes necessary for learning and engagement.

Beyond the classroom, the JWB works tirelessly to strengthen the communities from which our future leaders grow. Focusing on the mental health of our children is one of the Board's primary goals, making sure any type of mental illness is diagnosed and treated before it becomes an impediment for their future success. They also work to stop preventable deaths within the county, combating unsafe sleep practices for infants, child drowning, and head trauma, so that no family must deal with the tremendous loss of a child.

The JWB's mission also includes providing relief for the families of Pinellas County when they need it. From rental and food assistance, eviction prevention services, and helping with affordable childcare, the JWB ensures that any family that needs a helping hand is given one.

The Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County is a powerful example of the power we can have on our communities if we simply dare to try. Their efforts deserve veneration in this Congress, not only in appreciation of their efforts, but as an example of the power of community.

IN RECOGNITION OF ALS RESEARCH AT THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

HON. NEAL P. DUNN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Mr. DUNN. Madam Speaker, as the son of a veteran, father of a veteran, and a veteran myself, I rise in support of important work being done at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) regarding research and development of treatments for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) and other neurodegenerative diseases.

This work is combining the capabilities of National Polytrauma Centers, like the James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital in Tampa, Florida, with the expertise of the private sector to give hope to veterans who are battling these illnesses, everywhere.

Veterans are 60 percent more likely to be diagnosed with ALS compared to the general population.

More research needs to be done to understand the connection, which goes back at least 100 years, between military service and ALS, as well as to ensure we are able to achieve the best possible outcomes for our veterans.

I applaud the VA for continuing to make this a priority and look forward to seeing the potential of these partnerships.

HONORING CHIEF RAINER J. NAVARRO

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Chief Rainer J. Navarro in celebration of his outstanding career in the Santa Rosa Police Department.

Chief Navarro was born in Lynwood, California, in 1969 to Rainer and Cecilia Navarro. He served in the United States Navy from 1987 to 1989. After his time in the Navy, he attended Santa Rosa Junior College and earned an associate of arts degree in 1991. He later earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice administration from Sonoma State University in 1996 and a master's degree in law enforcement and public safety from the University of San Diego in 2018.

Chief Navarro began his career in the Santa Rosa Police Department in 1992 as a patrol officer. In 2006, he was promoted to Sergeant and six years later, was again promoted. As a Lieutenant, he oversaw the Traffic and Special Events Bureau and served as Watch Commander. Chief Navarro made Captain in 2015 and supervised both the Special Services Division and Field Services Division. After over 25 years of service, the city named him Chief of the Santa Rosa Police Department in 2019.

Chief Navarro's personal values focus on his faith, family, and service. He volunteers with Special Olympics, Shop with a Cop, Roseland Unified School District, and Rosewood Gospel Mission. Chief Navarro also has served on the Santa Rosa Violence Prevention Partnership Policy Team, California Police Chiefs Association, CHOPS Teen Club Board of Directors, Social Advocates for Youth Board of Directors, and the Sonoma County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council.

Chief Navarro has been a dedicated member of the Santa Rosa Bible Church. He married his high school sweetheart, Diedre, in 1989 and they have been happily married for 33 years. Together, they have two children, Trent and Alexa, and two grandchildren, Caspian and Griffin.

Madam Speaker, it is evident that Chief Navarro has dedicated his life to serving the people of Santa Rosa through his career in law enforcement. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAYOR CHARLOTTE WILCOX

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished career of Charlotte Wilcox, the Mayor of the City of Highland Village, Texas. Mayor Wilcox is retiring following her seven-year long tenure in mayoral office, and almost two decades of

public service in Highland Village city government.

Mayor Wilcox and her family moved to Highland Village in 1995. In 2006, she was appointed to the city's Zoning and Development Commission, before being elected to Place 3 of the Highland Village City Council three years later. She served in this position until her fellow councilmembers appointed her to mayoral office in 2015 following the retirement of her predecessor. In May 2015, she was elected as Mayor, and due to term limitations, will conclude her service on the Highland Village City Council in May 2022.

Throughout her service in her public office, Mayor Wilcox has worked tirelessly for the economic and physical well-being of her constituency. She has been instrumental in ensuring funding for vital improvements to Highland Village's highway infrastructure, as well as the establishment of half a dozen parks and recreational facilities throughout the city. Thanks to Mayor Wilcox's efforts, many trails, parks, roads, and walkways have been constructed and expanded to maximize her city's quality of life.

Furthermore, Mayor Wilcox oversaw the opening of many new businesses and the remodeling of many older ones to strengthen and expand the City's tax base. Under her fiscal leadership, the city achieved a AAA Bond Rating.

Mayor Wilcox, in addition to overseeing the City's impressive record of financial stability and economic development, has also served as a strong advocate for Highland Village's highly esteemed city staff. Under her administration, the Council approved two new paid holidays and secured a competitive benefits package for city employees.

As Mayor Wilcox concludes her estimable tenure as Mayor, I join the residents and businesses of Highland Village in applauding her dedication to city improvement, governmental transparency, and community involvement. She has truly been a valuable contributor to our North Texas community, and I wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE EFFORTS OF THE JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER ON GLOBAL YOUTH SERVICE DAY

HON. VERONICA ESCOBAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Ms. ESCOBAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the participation of the El Paso Juvenile Justice Center in this year's Global Youth Service Day.

The El Paso Juvenile Center has dedicated the month of April 2022 to engage and educate local youth to speak out against violence in our El Paso community. Through events with stakeholders, leaders, and community members, our young people are creating solutions on how to prevent hate crimes and violence using art. They are concluding the month with paying tribute at the El Paso Healing Garden to the 23 victims who lost their life and the 22 injured victims of the horrific Walmart shooting of 2019.

I praise the work that the Juvenile Justice Center is doing to help our young people

thrive and be active community members. Our young people of today will be our leaders of tomorrow and they will be equipped to solve problems our community faces.

HONORING NASCAR TEAM OWNER
CHIP GANASSI FOR HIS EXEMPLARY CAREER

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor NASCAR team owner Chip Ganassi for twenty years as the owner of Chip Ganassi Racing.

After a successful career as a racer, Mr. Ganassi purchased the SABCO team in 2001 and quickly renamed it Chip Ganassi Racing. Over the next 20 years, his team achieved a combined 40 wins in the NASCAR Cup Series and the NASCAR Xfinity series. Most notably, Chip Ganassi Racing experienced great success in the NASCAR Cup Series where it achieved 20 victories along with 36 pole positions, 196 top-five finishes, and 474 top-10 finishes.

Mr. Ganassi's experience and knowledge immediately propelled his team to great success. In Mr. Ganassi's inaugural season as owner, Sterling Marlin finished in third place in the 2001 NASCAR Cup Series championship. This success quickly established a culture of winning at Chip Ganassi Racing that attracted some of NASCAR's best drivers. While racing for Ganassi, Jamie McMurray became the first driver to win NASCAR's Indianapolis 500 and IndyCar's Daytona 500 in the same year. Additionally, household-name Kyle Larson earned four first place finishes in a single season as a member of Ganassi's team. Furthermore, Mr. Ganassi's achievements extend beyond results on the racetrack. His unique and effective business sense set new precedents for success in NASCAR. Unlike many other team owners, team ownership was his only business. He also maintained an impressive 28-year relationship with Target and secured it as a long-time sponsor for Chip Ganassi Racing.

After retiring this past Fall, Mr. Ganassi leaves behind an impressive legacy that I am proud to acknowledge today. He is highly regarded by other team owners and racers alike. His accomplishments reflect his dedication to racing and his intense desire for improvement. I know I speak for our entire community in wishing him and his family continued success and happiness in his retirement.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring Mr. Chip Ganassi for his outstanding accomplishments and contributions as a racing team owner.

HONORING POLICE CHIEF MANJIT
SAPPAL

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with Congressman

JOHN GARAMENDI, to honor Chief Manjit Sappal as he retires from his outstanding, six-year service as the Chief of Police for the city of Martinez, California.

Born in the United Kingdom, Chief Sappal and his family immigrated to the United States in 1981 and settled in the Bay Area, where he has lived ever since. In the late 1990s, Chief Sappal began his 26-year-long career in law enforcement as a police officer in Pittsburg, California. Later, he moved to the Richmond Police Department, where he worked for 18 years and became a captain. While working as a police officer, Mr. Sappal graduated from Golden Gate University with highest honors, earning a master's degree in public administration. He also graduated from the prestigious FBI National Academy and the Police Executive Research Forum's Senior Management Institute for Police.

Chief Sappal's rigorous work ethic and impressive credentials propelled him to the office of Chief of Police of Martinez in 2015, a position from which he retired from on March 17, 2022. Throughout his career in law enforcement, Chief Sappal has worked in several positions. From Homicide Investigator to Guns and Gang Detective, he has always put himself on the line to make his community safer. While these experiences were memorable, Chief Sappal considers his time as Chief of Police, working with an amazing, high-performing team, to be the highlight of his career. Chief Sappal's service extends beyond law enforcement. As a member of the Contra Costa Council for Homelessness and the Martinez Rotary and Kiwanis, Chief Sappal has worked hard to maintain trust with the community and keep the public safe.

After retirement, Chief Sappal looks forward to spending more time with his wife, Tina, and their two teenage children, Alexis Lily and Andrew Tyler. While the people of Martinez will miss his excellent police work and leadership, the sense of empathy and compassion he established in the community will last a lifetime.

Madam Speaker, it is evident that Chief Manjit Sappal has served our community through his exceptional career in law enforcement. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

HONORING THE LIFE AND PATRIOTIC SERVICE OF KENNETH DUNCAN DICKSON

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Mr. FALLON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and commemorate the life and service of Kenneth Duncan Dickson. Ken strove each and every day of his extraordinary life to leave a better world for his children and grandchildren. He was received into the Arms of the Lord after a hard-fought battle against COVID-19 on August 19, 2021. This great American, and proud Texan, is survived by his loving wife of forty-four years, Judith Dion Dickson; his sons Kenneth Craig Dickson (wife Lynne) and Jason Keith Dickson (wife Lauren); and his grandchildren Abigail Peavey (husband Rafe), Macy Dickson, Cohen Dickson and Savannah Dickson; and many other family members and friends.

Ken was born on December 29, 1938, to Kenneth Taylor Dickson and Trixie Duncan Dickson. After graduating from W.W. Samuell High School in 1957, he went on to earn a degree in Business and Agriculture from East Texas State University in Commerce, Texas. As a man instilled with the virtue of patriotism, Ken served in the United States Army National Guard in the 49th Armored Division after graduation. He started his career in insurance and apparel manufacturing wherein he owned and operated a number of showrooms at the Dallas Apparel Mart. Subsequently, in the 1980s, Ken was introduced to the lively oil and gas industry into which he would pour his professional talents for the rest of his life. Even at the ripe age of eighty-two, one might have found Ken researching new technologies, making phone calls, and consulting greenhorns in the industry. Ken was also a gubernatorially appointed member of the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission.

As a pillar of the Rockwall community, Ken led the charge for over forty years to protect the American Dream and the foundational values that make this country great. He was a founding member of the Rockwall County Republicans, served four years as a City Councilman, was a Republican Precinct Chair, Election Judge, and a Delegate to the Republican State Conventions. Moreover, among the greatest services he provided was to work with Congressman Ralph Hall during Mr. Hall's election campaigns. Ken received the Ralph M. Hall Chairman's Award for his lifetime of dedication to the cause of the Republican Party.

Madam Speaker, I have shared with the House today only a small portion of this great American's life. His accomplishments, the joy he has brought, the services he has wrought, and the extraordinary love that he had for his family and friends could fill volumes. I have requested the United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol to recognize Kenneth Duncan Dickson's patriotism and devotion to God, Family, and Country. Furthermore, Madam Speaker, I extend my personal condolences to the Dickson family for the loss of such an extraordinary man of service and duty. May God bless his soul.

IN MEMORY OF REBECCA
ADELMAN

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the incredible life of Rebecca M. Adelman, an accomplished young woman and personal friend who passed away in April of 2020. Rebecca would have become 39 years old on May 14, 2022 and is adored and missed as ever before. Rebecca is remembered by many as a caring healthcare provider, passionate academic, and noble public servant. In addition to these accolades, Rebecca was proud to be the daughter to Patricia and Howard Adelman, sister to Mara (Pat) and Mike (Dani) Adelman, devoted spouse of Caroline Lemelin, and loving mother of her greatest joys, twin sons Rory and Finn Adelman, who turn four years old this Spring. I am honored to join with Rebecca's loving family to recognize her impactful life.